

SUGAR PLANTERS WIND UP MOST PROSPEROUS SEASON

GEORG RODIEK CHOSEN PRESIDENT FOR THE COMING YEAR

TRUSTEES REAPPOINTED WITH EXCEPTION OF F. M. SWANZY

(From Wednesday Advertiser.)

THE progress and the prosperity of Hawaii's sugar industry were reviewed at the opening session yesterday of the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association in the chamber of commerce headquarters.

Georg Rodiek, vice-president of the association was elevated to the position of president by the board of trustees. The gavel was turned over to President Rodiek at the morning session by the retiring president, Allen W. T. Bottomley.

The prosperity of the sugar industry and the need of building on the present prosperity a substantial structure to last for future years was the keynote of Mr. Bottomley's address in opening the meeting.

Taking the chair, President Rodiek said:

"In assuming these duties I appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon me, and will do my best to fulfill the duties of the office."

ATTENDANCE LARGE

Representation from every one of the forty-four plantations in the association was shown by the roll-call. The attendance throughout the day was large. After approval of the minutes of the last meeting, read by L. J. Warren, assistant secretary and the reading of the report of W. O. Smith, secretary, the meeting proceeded to elections of the trustees.

F. M. Swanzy requested that he be not named on the new board, and with this exception the entire membership of the board was retained by unanimous vote of the association. The trustees for the ensuing year are: F. A. Schaefer, E. D. Tenney, E. E. Bishop, J. P. Cooke, Georg Rodiek, A. W. T. Bottomley, J. M. Dowsett, W. O. Smith and E. H. Wodehouse.

The board of trustees then retired and returned to announce the election of the following officers: president, Georg Rodiek; vice president, E. D. Tenney; secretary and treasurer, W. O. Smith; assistant secretary and treasurer, L. J. Warren and auditor, J. W. Waldron.

PROGRESS REPORTED

Progress in pest control and other work in finding the best methods of cultivation, fertilization and irrigation required to raise the most economic crops was reported in the statement of the scientific and experimental activities of the association experiment station around which the discussion of the day centered.

Two other reports of like nature—improvement in methods of crop production—were also taken up, one on irrigated lands and one on unirrigated lands. Discussion of other reports will take place today.

HARRY ROBBINS QUILTS M'BRYDE PLANTATION

Harry Robbins, chemist at McBryde plantation, has resigned to take the appointment as chemist for the Onu Sugar Company mill. The latter company's chemist recently resigned. No appointment has been made as yet by the McBryde plantation to fill Mr. Robbins' place. Mr. Robbins is a graduate of the Louisiana State University sugar school at New Orleans.

EWA READY TO BEGIN GRINDING CANE SOON

Castle & Cooke started yesterday that grinding will begin on Ewa plantation on or about the eighteenth of this month and on Waiwala on the eleventh.

French Harvest Starts

PARIS, November 23.—Harvesting of the beet crop has commenced in a number of factories. There will be two more factories working this year than last. The results of the pullings show a cultural rendement much superior to last year, but on the contrary, the richness in sugar is variable, and there is some complaint regarding the yield in sugar. Of course there is also a scarcity of field laborers and also skilled workers for the factories. It is too early to give a reasonable estimate of the field output.

GEORG RODIEK, newly elected president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, who took office yesterday morning.



NEW OFFICIALS

The officers and the boards of trustees elected by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association yesterday for the ensuing year are:

President—Georg Rodiek.
Vice-President—E. D. Tenney.
Secretary and Treasurer—W. O. Smith.
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—L. J. Warren.
Auditor—J. W. Waldron.
Board of Trustees—F. A. Schaefer, E. D. Tenney, E. E. Bishop, J. P. Cooke, Georg Rodiek, A. W. T. Bottomley, J. M. Dowsett, W. O. Smith and E. H. Wodehouse.

BUSY SESSIONS AWAIT PLANTERS

Trip To Waipio Experiment Station Will Wind Up Convention Friday

An all day visit of inspection to the Waipio experiment station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association will be an added attraction of the program of this year's meeting of the association. On the recommendation of the board of trustees, the members yesterday agreed to set aside Friday for this excursion, eliminating the usual visit to the main experiment station of the association on Keananokua Street.

Wednesday
 Association meeting at nine-thirty o'clock in the morning for discussion of committee reports.
 Association meeting resumed in the afternoon, probably at one thirty o'clock, discussion of committee reports.

Thursday
 Executive session of the association to hear the report of the labor committee.

Reports still to be taken up are cutting, loading and general transportation; manufacture of sugar and utilization of by-products; manufacturing machinery, forestry, warehouses and storage of raw sugar, labor saving devices.

Friday
 Excursion to Waipio. Members will meet at corner of Merchant and Fort Streets, in front of Castle and Cooke's at eight-thirty o'clock in the morning. Leave in automobiles for Waipio.

The following program for the day was outlined by H. P. Agee, director of the experiment station, and adopted by the trustees:

Ten-thirty o'clock—Arrive upper lands of Onu Sugar Company; witness demonstration of tractors, plows and other agricultural instruments. The site for the demonstration adjoins the newly planted lands of the Onu plantation. These new lands contain extensive experiments, conducted under the auspices of the station.

Eleven-thirty o'clock—Leave for Ewa plantation to inspect the fields of the seedling H-109 which is reputed to be better than the Lahaina variety. Ewa plantation now has 2424 acres of H-109.

One o'clock—Luncheon at the Waipio station, served picnic fashion under the trees.

Two o'clock—Exhibits and demonstrations to be provided as follows:

Paper mulches as used for weed control to be shown.

Denatured alcohol from molasses to be used as a fuel in operating engines and automobiles.

Exhibits of agricultural instruments. General exhibits to be provided along the lines of the recent exhibit of the experiment station in Hilo embracing collections of insect enemies and parasites; cane diseases; cane varieties; abnormal canes; fertilizing materials, including different forms of lime, gypsum, coral, etc.; photographic views of the sugar industry.

A GERM DESTROYER

There is no danger whatever from lack of blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

DIFFERENT METHODS OF SUGAR MAKING URGED BY MR. BOTTOMLEY

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT WARNS PLANTERS TO BE "EFFICIENT"

DIFFERENT methods must be adopted by the sugar planters of Hawaii in preparation for the lean years that are to come, according to Allen W. T. Bottomley, retiring president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, in the address he made to the association at the opening of the annual meeting yesterday.

"Though we have long been accustomed to paying more attention to getting as much as possible for our sugars than we have to their quality, I feel sure that different methods must be adopted in the future and that every effort must be made to change Hawaiian sugars from being the least desirable to being one of the most desirable sugars offered to the refiners." Mr. Bottomley paid full recognition to the prosperity which had been the good fortune of the planters of these islands to experience this year, but he gave a real warning to his hearers not to allow themselves to forget that the lean years are sure to come, and that they must under no consideration neglect to make ready for them. He urged the need for economy and for the development of a better and higher grade sugar as well as efficiency in every department of the island industry.

Banner Year Closing

"In opening this thirty-sixth annual meeting of the association, it gives me great pleasure to refer to the fact that the year 1916 has been probably the most fortunate year the sugar industry of these islands has ever experienced."

"According to the Underwood Tariff Bill of 1913, sugar was scheduled to go on the 'free list' this year, viz., on May 1, 1916, but before that date, on the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury, congress, as you know, repealed the provision of the tariff act taking the duty off sugar, and left a duty of a little over one cent per pound on Cuban sugars. Thus the day, which since 1913, we had all been looking forward to with so much dread, came and went and the domestic sugar growers still found themselves protected by a reasonable duty."

"How vital it is for these United States to have a supply of sugar grown and manufactured at home independent of the sugar supply of the rest of the world, is surely well illustrated by the difficulties which the nations of Europe are now experiencing in obtaining their sugar and the prices which they have to pay for it, under present conditions. Apart altogether from the question of revenue, the sugar situation today in Europe (which would also exist in this country, were it not for the domestic supply) should surely present to all thinking people the strongest kind of an argument in favor of continuing the present protective duty, without which the beet and cane sugar producers of the United States cannot exist under normal conditions. Aside from arguments such as these, and although the Democratic administration, which reduced the duty and almost ruined it for another four years, I believe that with the increasing national expenditures and enlarging every source of government revenue, we have no reason to fear a return to a basis of free sugar."

Good Prices Received

"In addition to the repeal of the free sugar clause so earnestly desired by all of us, the year 1916 also brought us excellent prices for our crop."

"In the annals of our sugar industry of Hawaii, a more prosperous year than preceding this meeting of the association has never been recorded. It is true that prices of sugar have been much higher at some periods in the past than during last year, but the low yields and consequent high cost of production of those times more than offset the increased returns from the sale of sugar. The average New York price for raw sugar during our fiscal year was \$11.25 per ton, which has not been exceeded in the average of any year since 1889. This year and last have brought profits for the plantations and profitable times for the islands as a whole; for when the sugar business is prosperous its prosperity is reflected in almost every other line of business, and the reverse of this is equally true."

"While we have every right to enjoy the prosperity that has come to us, we must not allow ourselves to be unduly carried away thereby, but should exercise discretion in the management and conservation of the finances of the sugar plantation corporations. There seems to be little doubt but that prosperous times will be our good fortune next year and probably for a short time thereafter. Let us realize, however, that our prosperity and the wonderful prosperity in almost every line of business throughout the United States rests on a very slender foundation, and that the time of the termination of the European war, and let us also bear in mind our constantly rising cost of production."

Increased Costs Great

"The increased cost of labor and materials going into the production of a ton of sugar has been very great, and one does not have to be a prophet to forecast a very heavy increase in (Continued on Page 6)

HAWAIIAN SUGAR CROP LAST YEAR WAS 593,483 TONS

Table Compiled By Planters' Association Bureau Shows This Total For Island

HAWAII LEADS VAN WITH 197,650 TONS

Maui, Oahu and Kauai Follow in Order Named According To Officials Figures

The Hawaiian sugar crop for the sugar year 1915-16 totalled 593,483 tons according to a table compiled and given out yesterday by the bureau of labor and statistics of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association.

The production of the fifty-two plantations segregated by islands shows Hawaii with 197,654 tons, Maui with 150,312 tons, Oahu with 136,966 tons and Kauai with 108,551 tons.

Classified by factors, the figures show that C. Brewer & Co. handled 146,116 tons of the crop for thirteen companies, Alexander & Baldwin, 140,884 tons for seven companies and H. Hackfeld & Co. 118,924 tons for nine companies with nine other agencies handling the balance of the crop.

The figures cover the period from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916 and the compilation is based on 3000 pounds to the ton.

Following is the segregation by islands:

Hawaii—	Tons
Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd.	26,472
Waikanae Mill Co.	14,488
Hilo Sugar Co.	16,446
Hawaii Mill Co., Ltd.	1,841
Onomea Sugar Co.	18,781
Pepeekeo Sugar Co.	9,347
Honoum Sugar Co.	6,555
Hakalau Plantation Co.	15,595
Laupahoehoe Sugar Co.	10,121
Kalihi Sugar Co., Ltd.	5,011
Kauai Sugar Co., Ltd.	3,189
Hanalei Sugar Co.	2,565
Panahu Sugar Plantation Co.	7,200
Honokaa Sugar Co.	7,200
Pacific Sugar Mill	5,656
Niuli Mill and Plantation	2,110
Halawa Plantation	1,700
Kohala Sugar Co.	4,170
Union Mill Co.	1,966
Poakua Plantation	6,446
Kona Development Co.	96
Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Co.	14
Chambers Commercial and Sugar Co.	9,720
Hawaiian Agricultural Co.	13,811
Total Hawaii	197,654

Maui—	Tons
Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd.	32,753
Olokele Sugar Co.	1,853
Waikanae Sugar Co.	15,009
Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co.	30,043
Maui Agricultural Co.	34,041
Kaheka Plantation Co., Ltd.	6,722
Kipahulu Sugar Co.	84
Total Maui	150,312

Oahu—	Tons
Honolulu Plantation Co.	20,584
Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd.	33,827
Ewa Plantation Co.	32,047
Apokaa Sugar Co., Ltd.	79
Waianae Co.	4,821
Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd.	31,322
Kahuku Plantation Co.	6,533
Laie Plantation Co.	1,541
Koala Plantation Co., Ltd.	97
Waimanalo Sugar Co.	5,011
Total Oahu	136,966

Kauai—	Tons
Lihue Plantation Co., Ltd.	20,161
Grove Farm Plantation	3,561
Koloa Sugar Co., The	7,987
McBryde Sugar Co., Ltd.	15,599
Hawaiian Sugar Co.	23,119
Gay & Robinson	4,469
Waimea Sugar Mill Co., The	2,065
Kahala Sugar Co., Ltd.	16,101
Estate V. Kaunene	90
Kilauea Sugar Plantation Co.	5,211
Maee Sugar Co.	9,138
Total Kauai	108,551

Grand Total.....593,483

Following is the segregation by agents:	Tons
C. Brewer & Co., Ltd.	15,953
Hakalau Plantation Co.	15,811
Hawaiian Agricultural Co.	13,811
Hilo Sugar Co.	16,450
Honolulu Plantation Co.	20,584
Onomea Sugar Co.	6,557
Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Co.	9,720
Chambers Commercial and Sugar Co.	5,216
Hawaii Co.	1,856
Onomea Sugar Co.	18,781
Panahu Sugar Plantation Co.	7,200
Pepeekeo Sugar Co.	9,347
Waikanae Sugar Co.	15,009
Waimanalo Sugar Co.	5,011
Total	146,116

Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd.	Tons
Lawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co.	59,035
Lawaiian Sugar Co.	23,119
Kahuku Plantation Co.	6,534
Koala Plantation Co., Ltd.	971
Maui Agricultural Co.	1,541
Maui Agricultural Co.	34,021
McBryde Sugar Co., Ltd.	16,398
Total	140,884

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd.	Tons
Grove Farm Plantation	3,569
Lawaiian Mill Co., Ltd.	1,845
Kahuku Sugar Co., Ltd.	16,107
Kipahulu Sugar Co.	848
Oahu Sugar Co., The	7,988
Lihue Plantation Co., Ltd.	20,168
Oahu Sugar Co.	33,696

J. L. McLEAN DIES SUDDENLY

Death Comes During a Morning Walk

DYING suddenly from an aneurism while on an early morning stroll, James Leonard McLean, vice-president and acting head of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, business man and civic worker, passed away, unattended and unobserved, in a quiet corner of Hasinger Street, Maui, yesterday.

His body, still warm but with life extinct, was discovered by E. W. Gaylord, of the Hawaiian Breeding Company, shortly after six o'clock in the morning. Dr. George F. Straub and Deputy Sheriff Julius Arch were immediately summoned, but the former could do nothing for him. The body was taken to the McLean home at 1124 South Beretania Avenue and the news of the death of the shipping man conveyed to his associates to whom it sounded at first incredulous.

Mr. McLean apparently had been in good health and certainly was in good spirits the evening before, had attended to his duties as an active director of his company's affairs on Monday, and had left his home yesterday morning without a suspicion of illness or the slightest intimation that death hovered at his side.

Company Officers Shocked
 At the offices of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company yesterday his fellow-executives and his staff moved about their duties in a vain effort to realize their loss. His death remained as he had left it at the end of one hour the day before; they were executing the orders he left and moving under his influence still.

The flags of every vessel in the harbor and of the shipping firms in the city were half-masted yesterday, each flag dropping to the half-staff as the news of Mr. McLean's death passed from one wharf to another.

Yesterday afternoon the head office of the company of which he was acting president was formally closed, and only business was conducted necessary to the departure of steamers.

The office will be closed again this afternoon in respect to his memory.

Native of Honolulu
 Mr. McLean was born in Honolulu on May 7, 1867, death coming at the age of forty-nine years.

CLAUS ROBERTS TO BE JUDGE COKE'S CLERK

New Jurist Will Make Several Changes in Staff

Claus Roberts, clerk of the last territorial senate, William Dickson and Miss Ellen K. Dwight will be appointed by Judge James L. Coke, as soon as he is qualified as third judge of the first circuit, to fill the positions of first and second clerk and court reporter, respectively. This was the program announced yesterday.

Robert will succeed Benjamin N. Kane, who has been first clerk, and who, in turn, will succeed John A. Donahue, who has been second clerk. Dickson will fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Solomon McLean, who returned to his old position in the police station. Miss Dwight will succeed herself.

Donahue said yesterday that he was leaving his office some time this month. He has been one of the most obliging clerks in the whole territorial judiciary system and will carry with him the aloha particularly of the newspaper men who have covered the circuit court "beat."

Judge Coke's commission arrived yesterday and the new jurist will probably take the path of office before Chief Justice Robertson in the supreme court, either on Saturday or Monday.

Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd. 32,753
 Waimea Sugar Mill Co., The 2,064

Total.....118,924

Castle & Cooke, Ltd.	Tons
Apokaa Sugar Co., Ltd.	793
Ewa Plantation Co.	32,045
Kohala Sugar Co.	4,170
Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd.	31,227
Total	68,235

Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd.
 Halawa Plantation 1,705
 Hanalei Mill Co. 7,961
 Kaeleka Plantation Co., Ltd. 6,721
 Kalihi Sugar Co., Ltd. 5,011
 Kilauea Plantation Co. 3,188
 Kilauea Sugar Co. 16,174
 Niuli Mill and Plantation 2,110
 Union Mill Co. 1,966
 Waikanae Mill Co. 14,488
Total.....53,622

Bishop & Co.
 Hilo Sugar Co., Ltd. 26,476
 F. A. Schaefer & Co., Ltd. 7,903
 Honokaa Sugar Co. 7,200
 Pacific Sugar Mill 5,656

Total.....12,859

Makee Sugar Company
 Makee Sugar Co. 9,138

Hind, Ralph & Co.
 Havi Mill and Plantation 6,461

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Ltd.
 4,650

Kona Development Co., Ltd.
 Poakua Plantation 967

Total.....5,757

J. M. Dowsett
 Waianae Co. 4,821

H. M. von Holt
 Estate V. Kaunene 902

Grand total.....593,483

The signature of E. W. Gaylord is on each

RUMANIANS AND RUSSIAN ARMIES DRIVEN BACKWARD

Unable To Hold the Steady Advancing Legions Under the Teuton Commanders

SLAVS FAIL TO MAKE GAINS IN CARPATHIANS

Bucharest Now Reported To Be Almost Surrounded By On-rushing Flood of Foes

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)

NEW YORK, December 6.—The reports from the Rumanian front continue to shift and vary almost with the hour. Monday night they gave indications that the reinforcements which the Russians had been able to throw to the succor of the hard-pressed Rumanians had arrived in time, and that the Slavs were confident that they would be able to halt the Teuton legions west and north of Bucharest.

This cheering information for the Allies was changed yesterday, and the hopes it raised dashed again, when the announcement came from Berlin, uncontradicted by either Bucharest or Petrograd, that the men under von "Eisenstein" and von Mackensen are still pressing forward and are drawing still closer to the menaced capital of Rumania.

In fact, in some sections of their wide-flung front the Germans and Bulgarians are almost completely surrounded by the situation to the south and southwest of the city, where von Mackensen's troops, although making slow progress, continue to press ahead despite the efforts of the Russians and Rumanians to halt them.

From the north and the northwest the troops are moving faster toward Bucharest. There the Russian reinforcements are struggling with the advances of the shattered Rumanian armies, to hold back the invaders, but so far with but little apparent success. No where have they been able to stop them, declare the reports from Berlin and Vienna, and the announcements from Petrograd tell of continued falling back of the Allied forces.

In Moldavia also the Russian offensive launched last week with such force and initial success, has come to a halt, according to the despatches and in the Carpathians the Slavs are also stalemated in the game of war.

The report sent out yesterday afternoon by the German general staff and received in this country by wireless at "saville says": "The Russians and Rumanians are making strong efforts to delay the steady progress of the Central Powers in Rumania, but without avail. Renewed Russian attacks have been made in the Carpathian forests and on the Transylvanian, all unsuccessful."

The Teutons have recaptured positions previously lost and are now pursuing the Rumanians before Bucharest, which is only a few miles from the German vanguard.

On the Danube towards the number of defenders taken prisoner by the Germans and Bulgarians is increased to 12,500.

BEACH PROPERTY BRINGS BIG PRICE

Auction Sale By Government Shows Eagerness of People For Seaside Lots

The eagerness of the people of Honolulu to get any of the little remaining beach property on this island was exemplified at an auction sale of government property by the land commissioner yesterday when two beach lots at Kulouou, sold for many times the upset price.

Lot 8, comprising 28,667 square feet, upset price \$75, was sold to William A. Hall for \$950. Lot 33, area 43,952 square feet, sold to K. Matsumoto for \$450.

Other property disposed of at the auction was as follows:

A right of way for a pipe line along Mookahi ditch, Waikiki, upset rental \$5 a year, was sold to the Territorial Hotel Company for \$6 a year.

A remnant fronting the Diamond Head road, Kalahele, area 41 acre, upset price \$150, sold to Emmaline Magson for \$300.

Land at Kilaueapuna, Makai, Kali